

To: The House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

From: Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org

Date: Tuesday, 3/19/19

#### In support of HCR 198

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger, and Committee members,

I am Co-Founder of the Hawaii chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. 350Hawaii.org supports **HCR 198.** 

Many people, including legislators, object to climate change action because of its upfront costs. Most if not all of these costs are smaller than the alternative of delaying action, but people are used to thinking short-term.

A discussion of the economic growth potential of investing in green industry initiatives would clarify many short- and long-term costs of dealing with, or putting off, climate change action.

Are Green Industry Initiatives worth it? We need to know.

Please pass HCR198 and let's find out.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sherry Pollack Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org

# HCR-198

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 10:02:49 AM

Testimony for EEP on 3/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HCR198. With rich solar, wind, geothermal and water resources, Hawaii has vast potential for economic growth via green industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Sincerely,

Andrea Quinn

Kihei

## **HCR-198**

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 2:36:28 PM

Testimony for EEP on 3/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Su	bmitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ra	andy Ching	Individual	Support	No

#### Comments:

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger and members of the committee,

I support HCR198/HR179. Climate change is an existential threat to our planet. Millions of species are at risk of extinction if we continue on with "business as usual".

The Green New Deal continues to gain attention and favorability among the American people; more people are realizing the need to transform our economy; people are understanding the need for a WW2 type of mobilization to combat climate change.

The national Green New Deal emphasizes 3 ideas: 1) de-carbonizing the economy with wind, solar, battery storage, and non-fossil fuel renewables, 2) millions of good-paying jobs to help with the de-carbonization effort, and 3) affected frontline communities having first priority at these benefits since they have suffered the most over the last half century from fossil fuel afflictions (poisoning of the air, the water, the soil with very high cancer rates).

Please pass HCR198. Mahalo for your consideration.

Randy Ching (Honolulu)



To: The House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection From: Brodie Lockard, Hawaii State Climate Lead, Organizing for Action

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 9:30 am

## In support of HCR 198 / HR 179



Dear EEP Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger, and Committee Members—

Organizing for Action supports HCR 198 / HR 179.

Many people avoid climate change action because of its upfront costs. Most of these actions would cost less sooner than later, but people—including legislators—have difficulty thinking long-term, and justifying any "high" cost to themselves—or their constituents.

A discussion of the economic growth potential of investing in green industry initiatives would put short- and long-term costs of climate change action in perspective.

Legislators and the people they represent need to know whether Green Industry Initiatives are wise investments.

Please pass HR179 to shed light on this important issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Brodie Lockard Hawaii State Climate Lead, Organizing for Action



## **HCR-198**

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 4:54:21 AM

Testimony for EEP on 3/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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#### Comments:

WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THESE RESOLUTIONS. HOWEVER, WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THE INCLUSION OF HUI KU MAOLI OLA. THIS INCLUSION GIVES PREFERRENTIAL TREATMENT OF A NON-GOVERNMENTAL FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, WHICH IS REGISTERED WITH THE DCCA AS AN LLC. IF THIS COMMITTEE WILL INCLUDE HUI KU MAOLI OLA, THEN THIS COMMITTEE CAN INCLUDE KANAKA HEALTH & EMPOWERMENT HUI (We're going through a technical name change from "KÄ€NAKA HEALTH & EMPOWERMENT CORP"), which is a Domestic Non-Profit & seeks to empower native Hawaiians on the Wai anae Coast in areas like green energy initiatives.